

7-2014

## HonorsLINK, Issue 2014.2

University of Dayton. Honors Program

Follow this and additional works at: [http://ecommons.udayton.edu/uhp\\_newsletter](http://ecommons.udayton.edu/uhp_newsletter)

---

### Recommended Citation

University of Dayton. Honors Program, "HonorsLINK, Issue 2014.2" (2014). *HonorsLINK Newsletter*. 1.  
[http://ecommons.udayton.edu/uhp\\_newsletter/1](http://ecommons.udayton.edu/uhp_newsletter/1)

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University Honors Program at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in HonorsLINK Newsletter by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact [frice1@udayton.edu](mailto:frice1@udayton.edu), [mschlangen1@udayton.edu](mailto:mschlangen1@udayton.edu).

# honors link

News and notes from the **University of Dayton Honors Program**

## **Inside this issue**

*The Retiring Ms. Palermo, Pages 12-13*

*Artists Revealed, Pages 14-15*

*Student News, Pages 16-19*

**Cover Story: Scholar Athletes,  
Past and Present, Pages 6-11**



Mary Willard '15  
Rowing Team

Caption





# THE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Honors Alumni, Students and Friends:

After what seemed like the longest winter I've experienced in Ohio, spring has finally arrived and is quickly making way for summer. We have ushered our seniors into the post-UD world and are initiating our process of welcoming the incoming class. The third cohort of Berry Summer Thesis Institute researchers are hard at work and the junior Chaminade Scholars have returned from a rewarding pilgrimage to Italy. At the end of May our first group of D.C. Flyers headed to Washington, D.C., for ten weeks of internships and networking. We are especially proud of these signature programs, and hope that you will be, too.

I'd like to take this moment to note the passing of Dr. Peter Powers, a member of the physics department who served with distinction on our advisory council. We miss him and offer our prayers for his family. I'd also like to offer a special thanks to Jeanne Palermo, who retired after doing so much to improve our program, serve our students and make the Honors Program a wonderful place to work. Finally, I want to offer a special thanks to two of our graduated seniors, Amy Timmerman and Ann-Marie Lee, both of whom devoted much of their time at UD to designing, writing and imagining this newsletter for your enjoyment.

Wishing you all the best,

David W. Darrow, Ph.D.

## link Staff

### Contributors

Christopher Santucci, Photography  
UD Athletics Communication,  
Photography

### Student Staff

Cassandra Brakers, Reporter and  
Content Coordinator  
Rachel Cain, Reporter  
Gianna Hartwig, Writer and Editor  
Luke Kozal, Researcher and Editor  
Ann-Marie Lee, Reporter  
Alyssa Manzione, Reporter  
Kaitlyn Meyer, Editor  
Morgan Schuler, Reporter  
Abigail Tanner, Researcher and Editor  
Amy Timmerman, Reporter  
Jim Vogel, Reporter and Editor

### Administrative Staff

Ramona Speranza, Managing Editor,  
Layout and Production Manager



(Left to right): Dominic Sanfilippo '16, and other Dayton2DC participants on metro escalator; Grace Callahan '13, English teaching assistantship in Malaysia; Milena Pisani '13, research grant in Honduras; Andy Roberts '13, English teaching assistantship in Thailand. Photos courtesy of subjects.

**I HAVE OFTEN FELT** the fluidity of the college campus community is both a blessing and a curse. Although each new academic year brings in young students excited by the prospects of a college career, the end of the academic year brings the time for saying "goodbye" to graduates. These student relationships are the main reason I enjoy waking up every morning and venturing to campus, sometimes in subzero weather! These students bring a smile to my face when they pop in to ask a question or say "Hi" since they were in the area. My favorite visits are when students hear back positively from a fellowship or graduate application and come to tell me of their success. To be a resource for students and help them navigate the waters of both their university and postgrad careers is why I chose a career in higher education; I find this work to be very rewarding.

Each college I have worked for has some special attribute. At the University of Dayton this attribute really is the community atmosphere. While attending our recent Dayton2DC spring breakout

this year, I realized something that will forever help me at the end of an academic year. Although students may be Flyers on UD's physical campus for only four years, they are all Flyers for life. This was apparent visiting various locations in Washington, D.C., and attending alumni receptions in the city. In Washington alone, the number of Flyers willing to help current students with their career aspirations was overwhelming. I realized this same special attribute — the UD connection and feelings of community — exists outside of Dayton, Ohio. Flyers always come "home," whether it is for Reunion Weekend at UD or if it is to help current students understand life and career options in Washington, D.C.

I realize the students I have grown to know and appreciate at UD will give back in this same way. Rather than being sad for my personal loss of a student's presence, I will instead be excited for the time when I can recruit that student for a future panel to discuss his or her own successful career path and accomplishments with future UD Flyers. Rather than feeling as

though the cursed part of my job has arrived, I will instead feel always blessed to know that this is not the end. "Goodbye" doesn't exist in our UD lingo. Instead, I know current students will go out and do great things with their lives, never forgetting that they are Flyers. In a couple of years, we will meet again when they sit on a panel or volunteer to assist future students with their own career paths. What a blessing to belong to such a wonderful community of people, regardless of where that community is currently located.



Laura Cotten  
Associate Director  
of Fellowships and  
Graduate Guidance

from  
the  
desk  
of





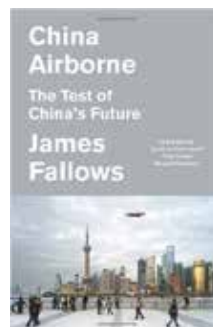
**Carissa Krane, Ph.D.**  
Associate Director  
of Research

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brian Bates, Krista Bondi, Luke Bugada, Joseph Ferber, Genevieve Kocoloski, Claire Konys, Stephanie Loney, Morgan Pair, Maxwell Roeske, Sarah Stalder and Riley Weber, students competitively selected from a strong applicant pool to participate in the 2014 Berry Summer Thesis Institute.

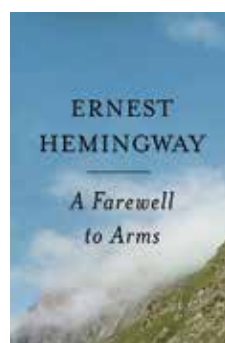
Started in 2012, the Berry Summer Thesis Institute (BSTI) engages a cohort of mid-career Honors students from different disciplines/majors in a 12-week, on-campus program. The BSTI provides them with intensive disciplinary research and scholarship opportunities, 3 Honors credits, professional development and leadership workshops, community service opportunities, public presentation forums, and cohorted social activities. This program is made possible through the generosity of the Berry

Family Foundation and the Berry family.

The summer reading list for this year's program includes three books chosen by guest facilitators — two of the alumni of the UD Honors Program — who will participate as book discussion leaders.



Dr. Laura Luehrmann, a 1992 alumna with a degree in international studies, will lead the discussion of *China Airborne: The Test of China's Future* by James Fallows. Luehrmann's Honors thesis was on judicial reform in the People's Republic of China, and she conducted research at the East China Institute of Politics and Law (Shanghai) to help complete this thesis. She received her M.A. (1995) and Ph.D. (2000) in political science from The Ohio State University, and is currently on the faculty in the political science department at Wright State University, where she directs the M.A. program in international and comparative politics.



Dr. Lisa Beery Tyler, graduated from UD in 1985 with bachelor's degrees in English and German, and she earned her master's degree in English from UD in 1987. Tyler will facilitate the discussion of *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway. Tyler is a professor of English at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, where she has taught for more than 20 years. She is the editor of *Teaching Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms* (The Kent State University Press, 2008) and author of *Student Companion to Ernest Hemingway* (Greenwood Press, 2001), as well as more than two dozen essays in academic journals and edited collections. She holds a Ph.D. in 20<sup>th</sup> century British literature from The Ohio State University.



Finally, back by popular demand, former Governor Bob Taft will facilitate a book discussion on *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson.

The BSTI will culminate with student presentations at the 2014 Berry Summer Thesis Institute Symposium, planned for July 31, 2014, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Science Center Auditorium. The public is welcome to attend the symposium. Please contact the UHP office ([honorsinfo@udayton.edu](mailto:honorsinfo@udayton.edu)) for more information.

# HONORS WEEK

**THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF SCHOLARSHIP, camaraderie and fun(!)** during the 2014 Honors Week. This year the 2012 Berry Summer Thesis Institute cohort created the inaugural Berry Bowl as a way to raise awareness about the opportunities offered by the Honors Program and bring Honors students together in events like trivia, dodge ball and competitive donating to charities. Fabulous prizes were awarded to winning teams including an iPad, gift baskets and more.

The pinnacle of the Honors Week each year is the Honors Students Symposium. This prestigious event allows Honors students completing thesis research to present their findings in a professional and academic setting so that the UD community can view firsthand the hard work of so many.

On Friday, March 21, the Honors Program took over Kennedy Union while 68 students presented their work. The College of Arts and Sciences, as well as the Schools of Business Administration, Engineering and Education and Health Sciences, had representative Honors presenters at the event. With research concerning everything from the evolution of Disney princesses as positive role models for young girls, to heat transfer coefficients in petroleum fractionation towers, the 2014 Honors Students Symposium was a showcase for much of the hard work and dedication that defines the students of the Honors Program. The event concluded with a meal in honor of thesis writers and their mentors, as well as a welcome to the newly chosen cohorts for the DC Flyers, Berry Summer Thesis Institute and Chaminade Scholars programs.

— Jim Vogel '16

Honors Students Symposium 2014 senior presenters and reception photos left (top to bottom): Jasmine Jordan, Katie Liutkis, Stephen Crum, Jenna Maffei, reception celebrants, catering delights. Senior presenter photos right (top to bottom): Elliott Mazur, Leigha Brisco, Michaela Herrick, Jesse Grewal. Photos by Christopher Santucci '16





**PARTICIPATING IN THE HONORS PROGRAM** involves a lot of time and dedication. Similarly, participating in a college sport requires not only time and dedication, but time management to balance demanding school work as well as practices and games. For Mary Willard, Nate Lundy, Lauren Gresham and Andrew Eckrich, being an Honors student and a student-athlete is a very rewarding experience.

**WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE TEAM SPORT?** Well, for **Mary Willard**, the answer to that question is simple. Willard, a rising senior Honors student, has been part of UD's rowing team since freshman year. Having participated in basketball and track in high school, Willard became involved in rowing after hearing about it on campus. She really enjoys competing, so rowing serves as a fun way of being competitive and continuing athletics after high school.

Willard is more than just a member of her team, though. She currently serves as the vice president of the student-athlete advisory committee and will serve as president next year. In addition to planning community service and professional development events, this committee serves as the liaison between student-athletes and faculty and administration.

Willard still manages to be heavily involved with the Honors Program. She is currently a Chaminade Scholar, and last summer, she participated in the Berry Summer

Thesis Institute, a program that gave her an opportunity to work on her thesis project — she looked at a compact elliptical trainer to see if it would be feasible for stroke patient rehab. She plans to continue being involved with rowing in some way after college. Her team voted her “most likely to be a rowing coach.” Willard has plans to go into neurorehabilitation.

Despite her busy schedule, Willard has enjoyed being an athlete as well as a member of the Honors Program. She said that the Honors Program has helped her to branch out and try new things. She has learned from different groups of people who she would not have gotten the chance to work with had it not been for the Honors Program. Being an athlete has helped her structure her school work and stay on task. She encourages each student to branch out and try new things because the payoff will be worth it. “Do not be afraid to ask questions and find out about opportunities. We miss out by not asking questions,” she said. Willard has clearly lived by her own advice as an Honors student and an athlete.



Mary Willard '15

Photo courtesy of University of Dayton Athletics Communication



Nate Lundy '15

Photo courtesy of University of Dayton Athletics Communication

**PEOPLE ARE OFTEN TOLD TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS.** **Nate Lundy** has done just that. A rising senior at UD studying medicinal-pharmaceutical chemistry, Lundy is also a member of the Flyers baseball team. He has been playing since he was old enough to swing a baseball bat and always dreamed of playing baseball in college. “Being a part of Flyer baseball is like having 35 brothers. The discipline, time management and mental toughness that Division I baseball has instilled in me will remain with me for the rest of my life,” he said.

Lundy plans to stay involved in baseball after college, whether it is coaching or teaching hitting lessons. “I love the game of baseball and want to stay around it as much as I can even after I am done playing,” he said.

From providing scholarships and advising to facilitating peer support, the Honors Program has been a huge benefit for Lundy. His favorite memory of the Honors Program is the St. Meinrad retreat with his fellow Chaminade Scholars.

While being an athlete and an Honors student can be challenging, Lundy has loved being a part of both programs. He said it has added more discipline and “an additional support system full of people offering to help me succeed in the classroom, on the field and in the community.” Whether it is on the field or in the classroom, he is a great example of the value of hard work and determination.

**A STUDENT DOES WHAT HE LOVES MOST — AND SUCCEEDS.** In addition to being an Honors student, rising junior **Andrew Eckrich** is a member of the University of Dayton men's cross country team. Having started running cross country in sixth grade, Eckrich saw participating in college as not only a way to help pay for college, but also to continue doing what he loves: running. Being

on the cross country team has done more than just provide structure and balance in Eckrich's life. “It has given me the ability to focus on more than just my individual efforts,” he said. The sense of community found at UD is present



Lauren Gresham '17

Photo courtesy of University of Dayton Athletics Communication



Andrew Eckrich '16

Photo courtesy of University of Dayton Athletics Communication

throughout his team. “It's not about one person on the course, but the whole team as well,” he said. After college, Eckrich sees himself as a potential high school or grade school coach, possibly even an

assistant college coach. The Honors Program has allowed Eckrich to challenge himself, “even if it seems crazy.” His favorite part of the Honors Program is taking challenging classes. His advice to fellow students is to “budget your time and get involved.”

**SHE BALANCES BEING AN ATHLETE AND AN HONORS STUDENT.** Entering her sophomore year, **Lauren Gresham** cannot imagine doing anything better with her time than playing volleyball. She began to play when she was 9 and continues to do so at UD. “I absolutely love the sport,” Gresham said. Being a member of the volleyball team has helped her build strong relationships with her teammates and coaches, learn how to manage her time and exercise her competitiveness. But while her passion for volleyball is strong, Gresham still has a strong focus on academics.

Even though she is new to the Honors Program, Gresham said her membership has already affected her in a positive way. “It has allowed me to place a larger emphasis on my school [work] even with my busy schedule,” she said.

Gresham sees her volleyball career extended past her years at UD. She plans to coach at some point and hopes her kids will play someday.

— **Gianna Hartwig '17**



**MARY WILLARD, NATE LUNDY, LAUREN GRESHAM AND ANDREW ECKRICH ARE EXCELLENT MODELS** of Honors student-athletes who have taken on the challenge of balancing two incredible commitments at UD. Below are some other Honors students involved in athletics at the University of Dayton.

**Justin Abbarno '17**  
Football  
Wide Receiver

**Brian Bates '16**  
Soccer  
Outside Midfielder

**Meghan Blank '17**  
Soccer  
Forward

**Sarah Byrne '17**  
Soccer  
Defender

**Jonathan Crain '17**  
Football  
Linebacker

**Benjamin Emery '17**  
Soccer  
Defender

**Matthew Fakler '15**  
Cross Country  
Erin Filbrandt '14  
Tennis  
Captain  
Honors Activity: Thesis

**Kathleen Golterman '17**  
Soccer  
Midfield  
Honors Activity: Thesis

**Chloe Hollinden '17**  
Women's Rowing

**Hunter Johnston '17**  
Cross Country

**Mary List '15**  
Cross Country and Track  
Honors Activity: Thesis

**Erin Mohney '16**  
Women's Rowing

**Zachary Morgan '16**  
Football  
Honors Activity: SAC

**Haley Murrell '14**  
Women's Rowing

**Peter Ogonek '15**  
Men's Rowing  
Captain

**Maya Pedersen '15**  
Track and Field  
400-meter dash  
Honors Activity: Thesis

**Sarah Reynolds '14**  
Cross Country and Track  
Captain  
Honors Activity: Chaminade Scholar

**Maxwell Roeske '16**  
Cross Country  
Honors Activity: Thesis

**Andrew Steffensmeier '14**  
Golf  
Captain  
Honors Activity: BSTI, Thesis

**Chelsea Vanhook '15**  
Track & Field  
Middle Distance  
Honors Activity: Thesis

**Kevin Wargo '17**  
Golf  
Honors Activity: Business and Marianist Values LLC

From top to bottom:  
Erin Filbrandt '14,  
Brian Bates '16, Andrew Steffensmeier '14,  
Mary List '15, Zachary Morgan '16,  
Maya Pederson '15  
Photos courtesy of University of Dayton Athletics Communication



**STUDENT-ATHLETES** have the unique opportunity to challenge themselves both academically and physically. Their experiences enable them to learn important lessons in the classroom and as members of a team. Following are articles about three University of Dayton alumni who participated in athletics and the Honors Program throughout their student careers.

**Amy Thomas '91**  
**A Running Success**

University of Dayton alumna  
Amy Fleck Thomas from Coldwater, Ohio, was an Honors student and a college athlete. She received a degree in chemistry and graduated in 1991 before going on to earn her MBA from The Ohio State University. For the past 16 years she has been a researcher at Battelle, focusing on environmental management.

During her time at UD, she ran cross country, although her athletic career began at a much younger age. In seventh grade, she started with basketball and track. During her junior year of high school, she convinced her parents she could take on another sport, which later became her favorite. When she was given the chance to pursue cross country in college, she took it.

"I love to run," she said. "I was thrilled about the opportunity to continue to compete at the college level." But the thrill of running wasn't the only thing she gained

from college athletics — she met her two best friends on her way to their first meeting freshman year. The three of them ran together on UD's cross country team from then on. "I went with them [to the meeting], and then we were never on time for a cross country practice," Thomas said.

After college she continued to run for some time, participating in various road races and triathlons. Today, she doesn't have much time to run after having three children, one of whom has Down syndrome. Nonetheless, she and her husband still stay involved with sports by coordinating and coaching Special Olympics in their local community in Albany, Ohio.

Thomas' time at UD helped her in achieving academic and professional success, but she has gained even more from her family and her role in society. She encourages Honors students to take active roles in their own communities.

"You've been blessed with many talents," she said. "Remember to give back and serve others."

— Morgan Schuler '15



Against the odds! Amy Fleck shows how difficult it is to place in a cross country meet as she challenges six other runners. Fleck was the consistent first-place finisher on the squad. One on one! Amy Smith runs stride for stride with an opponent during the Queen City Invitational. Her efforts were rewarded as she posted her best time at this meet.

Photo courtesy of University of Dayton Archives





Anne Crecelius '07  
Team Spirit



Dr. Anne R. Crecelius, who played for the UD softball team, has had the unique opportunity to interact with the University of Dayton's Honors Program both as a student and as a faculty member. She graduated from UD in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science option II (now exercise physiology) and currently acts as an assistant professor within the School of Education and Health Sciences. As an undergraduate, her participation in sports and in the Honors Program offered her valuable spaces where she could develop personally and grow in community with her peers.

Crecelius was a member of the softball team during her freshman and sophomore years. She enjoyed getting to know upperclassmen during her first years at college, as well as the sense of camaraderie they developed. Being on the team enabled her to learn valuable lessons such as time management skills. She said that "there are a variety of skills / lessons that I learned from playing on a team, interacting with coaches, etc., that I think I have incorporated into who I am today."



Crecelius at play. Photo courtesy of University of Dayton Athletics Communication

Crecelius also appreciated the community she developed among the Honors students and Berry Scholars. "The Honors Program was another valuable cohort group I could associate with," she said. She developed long-lasting friendships at the summer program and through Honors Program-sponsored social events. The Honors Program also allowed her to explore her academic interests, especially through her Honors thesis. She worked under the advisement of Dr. Paul Vanderburgh to research about and account for any potential body mass bias in the 5K run time handicap that he had developed.

Now as a UD faculty member, Crecelius is a proponent of the Honors Program and all the academic and personal opportunities it provides for its members. This summer she is advising a student in the Berry Summer Thesis Institute. Additionally, students often contract her course for Honors credit.

Crecelius still participates in sports by playing tennis and broomball. She believes her experience as a student-athlete at UD has strengthened her connection to her students and to the UD community as a whole. "I think as a faculty member, I can relate to student-athletes with the challenges of balancing academics and athletics," she said. "Additionally, I think having once been a Flyer on the field, my pride in the University is even greater than if I had not been a student-athlete."

— Rachel Cain '16

Stephen Mackell '13  
Community Team Leader



Last spring Stephen Mackell traded in his running shoes, cap and gown for a farm and a mission. The University

of Dayton graduate, now an urban farm manager at the Mission of Mary Cooperative, exemplifies how excellence in and out of the classroom and the continuation of Marianist ideals after graduation can have a tremendous impact on the world.

Mackell graduated summa cum laude in spring 2013 as a Division I cross country athlete with a double major in economics and philosophy. He now strives to achieve social justice by being the managerial influence behind an organization that provides and distributes fresh, nutritious vegetables to the East

Dayton community. Mackell's career is not only physically demanding, but also educationally demanding — both of which his four years as a student-athlete in the University Honors Program prepared him.

Throughout his time at UD, Mackell valued the dual role as a student and an athlete. His excellence in cross country was proved not only at meets in competitions, but also when he obtained the title of team captain his junior and senior years.

Meanwhile, he dedicated much of his time to achieving academic success as a member of the Honors Program. During his senior year, he was honored with the Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award and was named Academic All-American. He also completed his Honors thesis, which examined how the economic health and development of a region attract businesses to locate within it.



Photo courtesy of University of Dayton Athletics Communication

Still, due to his double major in philosophy and economics, Mackell was no stranger to the importance of thinking about the world as a

whole, and did not hesitate when it came to doing so. Both the Honors Program and the cross country team taught him about the value of relationships, community and global interaction.

Mackell emphasized that the positive, close relationships formed during his undergraduate career are the most important aspects of both the athletic and academic settings that remain with him since his graduation. He first spoke in high regards of the relationships and bonds that were formed within the athletic sector of his college career. "When you're at UD, you spend an incredible amount of time with your teammates ...

they're your first social group on campus," he said. He still maintains contact with current track athletes and other graduates from the team and described their relationship as a "family unit," specifically emphasizing the community benefits of cross country — the same community quality that is so important in his career today.

Although it provided him with many experiences, opportunities and challenges, the relationship aspect



Mackell at the Mission of Mary Cooperative urban farm. Photo courtesy of Stephen Mackell

of the Honors Program was also the benefit he most valued after graduation.

"We [Honors students] are the students that are motivated to learn the things that we are passionate about, and motivated to apply those things in order to better ourselves and to better society. ... Together, Honors students have the ability to impact the UD community a lot while they're there, [which prepares] them to impact society after leaving UD."

In the future, Mackell plans to expand not only his career, but also the food operation of the Mission of Mary and how it serves the community of Dayton.

"I love food and the way it connects a community ... to be able to provide that to my neighbors and fellow citizens gives me a great deal of pride in the work that I do."

— Alyssa Manzione '16



# The Retiring Ms. Palermo

**JEANNE PALERMO IS LEAVING** her long and illustrious career at the University of Dayton, where she served as assistant director of the University Honors Program since August 2001. Palermo filled a lot of different roles working under three different UHP directors, and her multifaceted responsibilities included alumni relations, recruiting, scholarship coordination, research, writing, staff management and finances.

One of Palermo's key roles was meeting with admitted Honors students who are deciding if the University of Dayton and the Honors Program are right for them. Palermo explained the benefits and membership requirements of the UHP so the students can make a well-informed decision when choosing their college. In fact, she considered getting to watch students

grow during their time at UD the most rewarding part of her job. She took the most joy in "seeing students grow from meeting them as high school students visiting campus for the first time, to their early years in the Program, to their blossoming into the amazing individuals they become here and beyond, as alumni of UD and the Honors Program. It is very gratifying to see all the opportunities the Honors Program has to positively influence our students' academic careers and personal growth."

Palermo also managed the finances of the UHP. There are many funds within the Honors Program — and some are earmarked for specific purposes. For example, the Hull Fund, donated by UD alum Cordell Hull, is for Honors students embarking on international service and research experiences. Other endowments are for scholarship-based awards.

Prior to coming to UD, Palermo worked as a museum professional. One of her first jobs was researching and writing exhibit copy for bicentennial markers around Montgomery



County (Ohio), one of which is located in front of St. Mary's Hall. As the former director of museum services for Carillon Historical Park, she spent 12 years helping to transform the museum from a small, grassroots operation into a professionally managed museum. A highlight of her career in the museum industry included discovering a piece of the Wright Flyer III, the second-oldest original Wright airplane, in an attic. Carillon Park was awarded a Save America's Treasures grant — an initiative started by First Lady Hillary Clinton — to conserve the Wright Flyer III. Palermo, who was the grant writer and administrator, was invited on a special White House tour along with the other grant winners.

Palermo considers the supervisory, organizational and creative skills honed while working in the museums valuable tools that aided her position in the UHP. While

Palermo applied the skills developed during her museum career to the record-keeping she did with the UHP, such as the alumni database and archives, she quips that "When I first started, I said that it was a nice change working with people rather than inanimate objects like museum collections."

Overall, she said the most memorable aspect of her tenure with the UHP is simply being part of the UD community. In the spirit of community, Palermo's favorite Honors event is the graduation brunch "because it is wonderful to see the students so excited and happy and accomplished after four years ... to hear what their plans are and send them off into the world!"

Outside of work, Palermo loves to knit. She jokes, "I love to buy yarn, so I have to knit to use up the yarn that I buy." She has also brought her passion into work by teaching knitting over lunch to some first-year Honors students.

As Palermo completed 13 full academic years and retired this May, she said she is most looking forward to having time to volunteer and pursue new interests. She and her husband, Dr. Patrick Palermo, plan to do more traveling to visit their children in Texas and New York, as well as their extended family members who live on the East Coast.

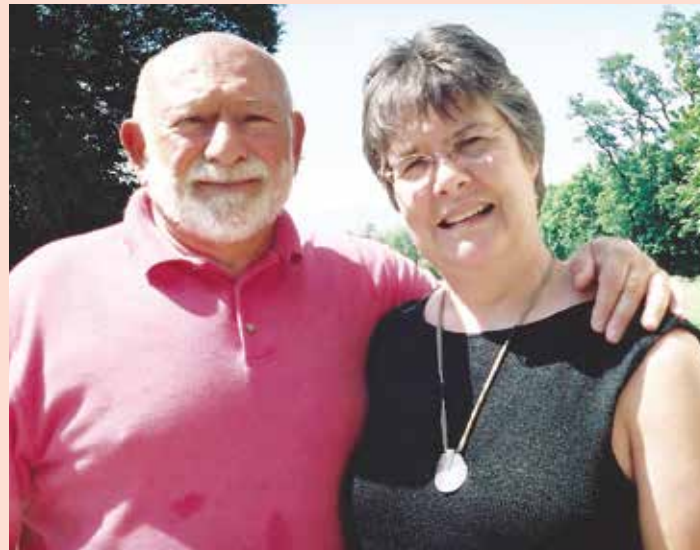
When asked to give advice to any future Honors office staff members, Palermo draws on her years of experience and recommends that any new staff member should "always have the students' best interests at heart. The students should come first. That's one of the joys of working on this campus. I think most people think that way, and it is always good to remember that and have it as your focus. We have a wonderful office and the people in it are great to work with, so I think anybody coming into this job would be fortunate."

Indeed, Palermo has many fond memories of her time spent at UD. When asked what she will miss most, she replied, "I'll miss my co-workers, past and present. I think I've worked in the best office on campus and will miss everyone I've worked with over the years."

And Palermo, a quiet force and thoughtful voice for the program, will be greatly missed by those remaining. She leaves a much richer University Honors Program thanks to her contributions and dedication to all the Honors students she served during her tenure.

— Ann-Marie Lee '14

Palermo retirement party (top to bottom): Dr. Alan Kimbrough signing the guest book; guests enjoying a moment with Palermo; Palermo and Dick Ferguson; Jill Talley and Palermo; Palermo and Jason Pierce



Pat and Jeanne Palermo

Photo courtesy of J. Palermo





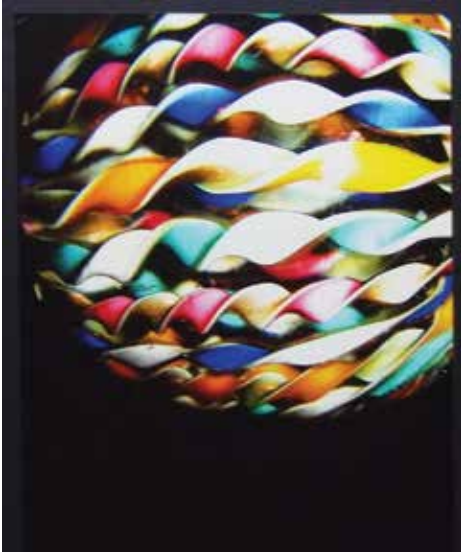


**THE 14TH ANNUAL HONORS ART EXHIBITION** was a huge success once again. Twenty-four students from many disciplines submitted a variety of artwork created in mediums, including acrylics, charcoal, scratchboard, pastels and photography.

The exhibit officially opened January 31 with a reception in Alumni Hall. Faculty, staff and students of the Honors program gathered to view the art created by the 16 students featured in the 2014 exhibit. Winning student artists received a total of \$2,600 in scholarships from the Honors program. The artwork was judged by Aimee Marcereau DeGalan from the Dayton Art Institute.

The winners of this year's show were: Gabrielle Boltz '15, Forrest Broussard '16, Morgan Carrier '17, Ashlyn Fridrich '17, Kara Hoersten '17, Miranda Melone '17, Kaitlin Meme '14, Kelsey Mills '16, Mary Mykytka '14, Kevin Obergefell '17, Abigail Oravec '16, Lydia Pawley '17, Grace Poppe '16, Victoria Pryzdia '16, Christopher Santucci '16 and Ann Zerfas '15.

Following are profiles of three of the awardees.



**Ashlyn Fridrich '17**  
Engineering  
Best in Show: *Spiral Orb*  
Photography

Ashlyn Fridrich has been involved in photography since high school. She uses close-up and lighting techniques to create the colorful image [of *Spiral Orb*].

"Basically it's a picture of a paperweight sitting on a piano," Fridrich said. "After I took the picture, I found out that the paperweight belonged to my grandmother. When the piece won best in show at the Honors Art Exhibition, it meant a lot to me knowing that my grandmother was connected to the piece."

Fridrich is also involved in the Flyer Pep Band, the Society of Women Engineers and the UD Drumline.



**Forrest Broussard '16**  
Operations Management / Finance  
*Piano Strings*  
Graphite pencil on paper  
*Self Portrait in Anguish*  
Acrylics on canvas

Forrest Broussard has been involved with art from a young age and has become much more involved with it since taking advanced art classes in high school. "I really like graphite because of the high contrast. It works really well for the piano strings," Broussard said. "I like it as a play on the ebony and ivory of the piano as well." Broussard's *Self Portrait in Anguish* is a bright piece totally unique from his graphite drawing. It was inspired by the anguish he experienced over summer homework assignments in high school. "I have always really liked pop art and Andy Warhol, and I was trying to get some of that style across in this piece."

Broussard is also involved with the Christmas on Campus decorating committee and is the treasurer of the UD Sustainability Club.



**Mary Mykytka '14**  
Theatre  
*Silhouettes*  
Mixed media  
"I paint and draw mostly. A couple years ago I began making steampunk-style jewelry and now have an Etsy shop where I sell jewelry, art and other crafty things I make," Mary Mykytka said. "I dabble in photography and lately I've also been making a lot of collage/mixed media-type pieces."

Mykytka has submitted pieces to the Honors Art Exhibition for five consecutive years and has been featured in the exhibit four out of the five years.

"I found the window on the street months ago and picked it up because it was so cool. It took me ages to figure out what I wanted to do to it. I had extra red-orange paint just sitting around. I painted the frame of the window, still not sure what else to do with it. The idea for the

Top left to right: *Spiral Orb*, *Piano Strings*, *Self Portrait in Anguish*, *Silhouettes*; lower photos: Alumni Hall Art Gallery in the University Honors Program suite Photos by Ramona Speranza



outlined images came from earlier brainstorming about painting something behind the window. I started with the cat, because cats sit in windows a lot. It still needed something so I added the flowers in a vase, and then some draped cloth to finish it up."

"I don't have any particular message or meaning in this piece. I just made something I thought would be interesting and cool to look at."

Mykytka is an active member of Studio Theatre.

— Jim Vogel '16





**THE 2013-14 HONORS CLASS** set a record with 153 December, May and August graduates — the most Honors Program diplomas ever awarded in a year. We also said good-bye to our last 5 Berry Scholars and our first 6 graduating Berry Thesis Fellows. There were 56 thesis writers and 39 Honors with Distinction awardees in this very successful class of 2014.

Congratulations to all of our newest Honors Program alumni!

- Megan R. Abbate, Adolescence to Young Adult Education, English
- Mary C. Alwan, Political Science, Human Rights Studies, Women's and Gender Studies
- Eric B. Antonucci, Biology
- Bryan A. Baker, Premedicine
- Lauren E. Banfield, Visual Communication Design
- Julie T. Benedetto, Religious Studies
- Ashley M. Berding, Medicinal Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Alyssa J. Bovell, International Studies, Political Science
- Kaitlin E. Boyd, Psychology
- Leigha R. Brisco, Civil Engineering
- Stephen Brown, English
- Allison K. Bruns, Marketing, Finance Business Administration - Sales
- Katherine M. Bruns, English
- Kylie M. Bushroe, Premedicine Psychology
- Emmaciare E. Canter, Accounting
- Torrie L. Caufield, Psychology
- Chin Yi Chen, International Studies
- Alexander H. Chilton, English
- Christine D. Cirillo, Psychology
- Olivia M. Cleary, Criminal Justice Studies Sociology
- Margaret Q. Corrigan, Intervention Specialist Education
- Stacie L. Covington, English
- George S. Cressy, Finance
- Whitney M. Crim, Criminal Justice Studies
- Stephen P. Crum, Pre-Physical Therapy
- Taylor M. Darden, Psychology
- Kristen M. Deane, Political Science
- Thomas A. DeCastra, Operations Management
- Jamie L. Dell, Early Childhood Education

- Anna L. Demmitt, English
- Bryan L. Demyan, Premedicine
- Brendan J. Dillon, Biology
- Mariah L. Douglas, English, Journalism
- Solomon G. Duning, Mechanical Engineering
- Megan J. Dunn, Middle Childhood Education
- Patrick J. Dyer, Premedicine
- Katharine M. Ellis, Psychology Spanish
- Daniel R. Esposito, Physics Mathematics
- Erin T. Filbrandt, Premedicine
- Julie A. Fitz, Biochemistry
- Kayleigh C. Fladung, Journalism
- Jamie L. Flannery, Psychology, English

- Elizabeth A. Gleason, Biology
- Melissa A. Gottschlich, Nutrition and Fitness, Dietetics
- Justin P. Gregory, Finance, Business Economics
- Jasminder Grewal, Biochemistry
- Matthew J. Haley, Premedicine
- Colleen M. Hallinan, PrePhysical Therapy
- Sara J. Hardman, Civil Engineering
- Olivia J. Hart, Biology
- Michaela E. Herrick, Philosophy, Sociology
- Alexandra N. Hill, Early Childhood Education
- Britney P. Hines, Political Science, International Studies

- Laura N. Karn, Psychology
- Lauren R. Kauffman, Entrepreneurship, Accounting
- Amy M. Keckler, Sociology
- Sarah A. Kerns, Political Science, History
- Kathryn M. Kinsel, Psychology
- Eileen T. Klug, Psychology, Women's and Gender Studies
- Kevin C. Krucki, Electrical Engineering
- Andy J. Kurzhals, Political Science
- Ann-Marie Lee, Chemical Engineering
- Brian G. Lewis, Premedicine, Psychology
- Cole P. Little, Premedicine
- Katherine A. Liutkus, Premedicine
- Alexandria Lueke, English

- Haley M. Murrell, Dietetics and Fitness, Nutrition
- Mary K. Mykytka, Theatre
- Bryanna A. Nennig, Middle Childhood Education
- Erin M. O'Connell, Dietetics
- Flor J. Ortega Bolanos, Psychology, Religious Studies
- Amy A. Pancher, Economics
- Jonathan D. Payne, Music Performance
- Linh D. Pham, Finance
- Erin R. Phillips, History, Economics
- Lauren M. Pytel, Psychology
- Hayleigh E. Raiff, Exercise Physiology
- Connor J. Ratycz, Biology

- Rusty P. Schnellinger, Psychology, Sociology
- Jeffrey C. Schubbe, Computer Science
- Amanda L. Schultz, Intervention Specialist Education
- Ashley E. Schumacher, Finance, International Business
- Kathleen M. Sellick, Premedicine
- Claire M. Shaw, Adolescence to Young Adult Education, English
- Kevin D. Shaw, Psychology
- Lauren E. Shewhart, Biology
- Kellie M. Shutter, Adolescence to Young Adult Education
- Angela M. Sibilia, Premedicine
- Bryan L. Sigward, Chemical Engineering, Spanish
- Daniel A. Smart, Chemical Engineering
- Emily K. Spade, Political Science
- Ryan A. Spear, Biochemistry
- Michael S. Stagliano, Marketing
- Andrew M. Steffensmeier, Premedicine
- Kevin C. Stevens, Electrical Engineering
- Emily A. Stienecker, Chemical Engineering
- Samantha J. Stringer, Premedicine
- Gail K. Susdorf, Psychology, Spanish
- Thiago T. Talziza, Business Economics
- Cara M. Thistlethwaite, Marketing, Business Economics
- Jessica N. Thomas, Accounting, Finance
- Amy N. Timmerman, English, Political Science
- Olivia J. Ullery, English, Women's and Gender Studies
- Kathryn F. Utter, Marketing, Entrepreneurship
- Alexandra M. Van Loon, International Studies, Spanish
- Jordan E. Vellky, Biology
- Gregory H. Versteeg, Biochemistry
- Erick C. Von Sas, Music Education
- Margaret C. Weber, Biology
- Michael T. Westendorf, Accounting, Psychology
- Molly R. Winslow, Sociology
- Caroline E. Wise, Chemical Engineering
- Michael A. Xavier, Sport Management
- Erin M. Yacovoni, Middle Childhood Education
- Jessica L. Yeager, Early Childhood Education
- Sarah R. Yedlick, English



Photo by Julie Walling

- Kaitlyn R. Francis, Exercise Physiology
- Colin A. Franklin, Adolescence to Young Adult Education
- Nick T. Fry, Mathematics
- Kathryn N. Gardocki, Middle Childhood Education
- Elizabeth A. George, Adolescence to Young Adult Education, History
- Mary Meg M. Gerbich, Business Economics, Operations Management
- John W. Giltner, Biology
- Samuel B. Girouard, Finance, Marketing
- Olivia N. Glavac, Pre-Physical Therapy

- Chloe L. Hire, Religious Studies
- Kiley T. Hogg, Middle Childhood Education
- Laura K. Huber, International Studies, Political Science, Spanish
- We'Am Hussain, Premedicine
- Julie A. Iuliano, Early Childhood Education
- Alexandra E. Jacob, Biology
- Jasmine R. Jordan, Political Science, International Studies
- Patrick M. Joyce, Mechanical Engineering
- Renee K. Kanney, Marketing

- Jenna L. Maffei, International Studies, Economics
- Elise L. Marrinan, Political Science
- Brittany E. Martin, Criminal Justice Studies, Sociology
- Lindsay A. Mayors, Pre-Physical Therapy
- Elliott M. Mazur, Physics, Geology
- Megan L. McManus, Biology
- Kaitlin M. Meme, Visual Communication Design
- Benjamin A. Miller, Chemical Engineering
- Tracy L. Moor, Biology
- Kimberly R. Murray, Entrepreneurship, Operations Management

- Danielle J. Rellinger, Chemical Engineering
- Margret F. Reuter, International Studies, Spanish
- Sarah T. Reynolds, Entrepreneurship, Finance
- Theresa A. Rotuno, Adolescence to Young Adult Education
- Michael A. Ryan, Biochemistry
- Laila T. Sabagh, Human Rights Studies, Political Science, International Studies
- Andrew R. Saling, Chemical Engineering
- Brittany E. Sanders, Religious Studies
- Kathryn L. Schaber, Mathematics





Chaminade Scholars at Vatican Radio, Summer 2014.

Photo courtesy of Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski

### Student News

**Hayley Douglas '15:** Won a scholarship paper competition through the PMI Program Management Office Community of Practice.

**C.C. Hutten '15:** Named the editor-in-chief of the *Flyer News* for the 2014-15 school year.

**Dominic Sanfilippo '16:** Will be studying at Black Friar's College in Oxford, England, during the Fall 2014 semester.

### Prestigious Presentations

**Mariah Douglas '14:** East Central Writing Centers Association.

**Alexander Fred '14:** Montana State University International Undergraduate Philosophy Conference; Essay accepted at Second Annual Online Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.

**Madison Irwin '15:** Annual Drosophila Research Conference, San Diego, Calif.

**Hailey Kwon '15:** National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Kentucky.

**Amy Timmerman '14:** Midwest Political Science Association.

**Jessica Urban '15:** Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

### Research Publications

**Danielle Kloke '15:** Co-authored "Insiders Dish on the Future of the Premium Food and Beverage Experience" with Dr. Peter Titlebaum, an article that appeared in *SEAT* magazine, Winter 2014.

**Samantha Stringer '14:** Author of "A survey of the trans-regulatory landscape for *Drosophila melanogaster* abdominal pigmentation," which was published in *Developmental Biology*, January 15, 2014.

### Prestigious Awards

**Lauren Banfield '14:** Bronze Hermes Award, American Advertising Federation, Dayton Chapter, February 2014, for her published thesis manuscript.

**Christine Cirillo '14:** Kenneth J. Kuntz Award for Outstanding Service in Psychology.

**Margaret Corrigan '14:** The William A. Beitzel Award to the Outstanding Student in Intervention Specialist Education (special education).

**Laura Huber '14:** The Dean Leonard A. Mann, S.M. Award of Excellence — recognition of the outstanding senior in the College whose academic record and record of service embody the three characteristics implicit in the motto "Learn, Lead and Serve."

**Hailey Kwon '15:** Amgen Fellowship for research to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for Summer 2014.

**Krista Morford '17:** University of Dayton 2013 Freshman Chemistry Student of the Year.

**Amy Pancher '14:** The Dr. E.B. O'Leary Award, economics department.

**Erin Phillips '14:** The Dr. George Ruppel, S.M., Award of Excellence in Historical Research; Steiner-Beauregard Phi Alpha Theta Service Award for Significant Service Promoting the Activities of the Delta Eta Chapter.

**Andrew Steffensmeier '14:** 2014 Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award.

**Jessica Yeager '14:** The Reverend George J. Renneker, S.M., Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Teacher Education.

**Yuan Zhou '16:** Nontraditional/Commuter Student Award — a demonstrated record of outstanding service, leadership and academic achievement while providing service and leadership to the campus community throughout his/her career at the University of Dayton; Reverend Theodore Koehler, S.M., International Student Award — for financial need, a good academic record and personal characteristics which reflect the Marianist tradition.

### University Honors Program New Cohorts

#### BERRY SUMMER THESIS INSTITUTE 2014

##### Class of 2016

##### *Research and Scholarship*

Brian Bates  
Krista Bondi  
Luke Bugada  
Joseph Ferber  
Genevieve Kocoloski  
Claire Konys  
Stephanie Loney  
Morgan Pair  
Maxwell Roeske  
Sarah Stalder  
Riley Weber

#### CHAMINADE SCHOLARS

##### Class of 2017

##### *Exploring a Call to Leadership and Service*

Elizabeth Abrams,  
Randy Brackman,  
Renee Brown, Ian Cali,  
Kieran Campbell,  
Jessica DeGroot, Blaise Eby,  
Alexandra Hallagan,  
Alexis Miles, Claire Sanfilippo,  
Virginia Saurine, Thomas Tappel,  
Mary Turner, Sarah Wood

#### DC FLYERS PROGRAM

##### 2014 Inaugural Cohort

##### *Washington, D.C. Experiential Learning*

Elizabeth Brumleve '16  
Daniel Dashewich '15  
Erin Dexter '16  
Léa Dolimier '16

Ian Dollenmayer '16  
Libby Durnwald '15  
Emily Fawcett '16  
Annemarie Fisher '15  
Anamaria Karrels '16  
Gurjot Kaur '16  
Taylor Kingston '15  
Kelly Miller '15  
Sara Pekar '15  
Shaughn Phillips '15  
Kathryn Schwaeble '15  
Joshua Tovey '16

#### CORDELL F. HULL INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FUND

##### Hull Fellows 2013-14

##### *International Study, Leadership and Service*

Anna Adami '16, Kathryn Anderson '15, Jessica Beebe '15, Anastasia Bjelopetrovich '16, Krista Bondi '16, Averie Bornhorst '15, Kristin Burger '15, Megan Burian '16, Abigail Carr '15, Veronica Colborn '16, Mackenzie Courtney '15, Anna Devine '15, Libby Durnwald '15, Amanda Ferrante '16, Erin Fox '16, Megan Frank '15, Gianna Gizzi '16, Olivia Hart '14, Amanda Jolly '16, Anamaria Karrels '16, Peter Krzywosz '16, Matthew Leff '16, Anissa Maffett '16, Margaret Maloney '16, Nolan McNulty '15, Lauren Mooney '15, Krista Morford '17, Ryan Mulligan '15, Shannon Myers '15, George Padavick '17, Alyssa Roeckner '16, Dominic Sanfilippo '16, Khristian Santiago '16, Kristin Schmidt '16, Allison Serey '15, Kevin Shaw '14, Morgan Sheets '16, Bonnie Steensen '16, Nathan Turnwald '15, Chelsea VanHook '15, Carolyn Wahlen '16, Riley Weber '16, Caroline Wise '14

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

#### 2014-15 Officers and Chairs

##### *Leading Through Honors Activities*

##### Officers:

Kevin Carroll '15, President  
Rachel Braun '16, Vice President / President-elect  
Megan Burian '16, Treasurer / Secretary

##### Chairs:

Annemarie Fisher '15, Professional Development  
Christian Ray '17, Social  
Allison Serey '15, Cultural and Intellectual  
Lyndsey Diggs '15, Community Service

### HONORS STUDENTS WELCOME

#### 2014 Head Leaders

##### *Coordinating and Leading the Event*

Erich Auer '17  
Cassandra Brakers '15  
Luke Kozal '17  
Anna Syburg '15  
Abigail Tanner '15  
James Vogel '16  
Riley Weber '16  
Sarah Wood '17

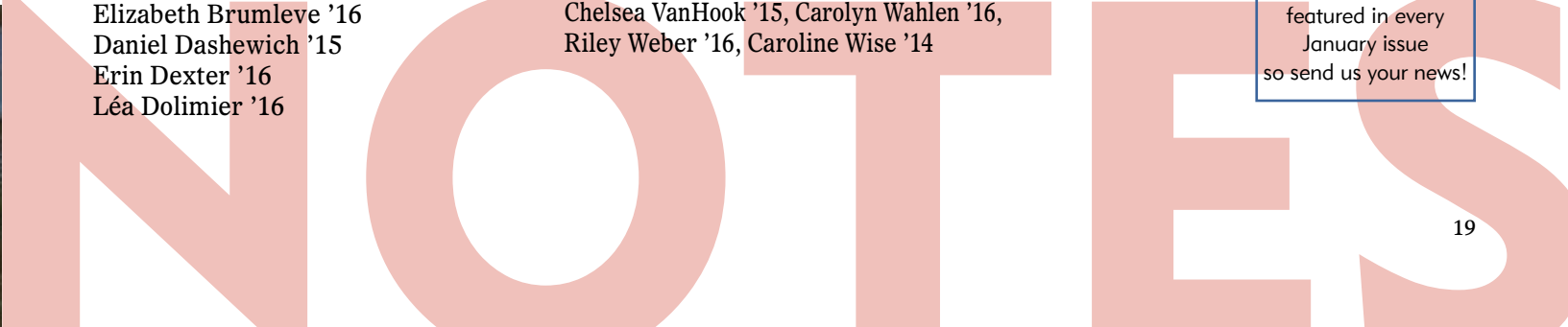
Online issues of  
honorslink  
can be found at:  
[issuu.com/  
udhonorsnews](http://issuu.com/udhonorsnews)

#### ALUMNI

Classnotes are  
featured in every  
January issue  
so send us your news!

Julie Benedetto and friends walking through the neighborhood after class in Cantel, Guatemala.

Photo courtesy of Julie Benedetto





### contact us

email: [honorsinfo@udayton.edu](mailto:honorsinfo@udayton.edu) ~ website: [udayton.edu/honors](http://udayton.edu/honors) ~  
facebook key words: University-of-Dayton-Honors-Program

## calendar →

### August

- 22 Honors Students Welcome
- 27 Classes Begin
- TBD Hull Application Process Meeting

### September

- 15 Spring/Summer Hull Reports Due
- 27 Danny Arnold 5K Run/Walk
- TBD Juniors: Honors Diploma Workshop

### October

- 15 Hull Applications Due for Spring 2015
- 24 All-Chaminade Scholars Retreat
- TBD Junior Thesis Writers: Thesis Workshop Sessions
- TBD Fall Information Workshop for First-Year and Second-Year Honors Students

### November

- 15 December Graduates Theses Due
- TBD Hull Application Process Meeting

### December

- 1 Honors Art Exhibition Entries Due
- 10 Juniors: Thesis Intent Documents Due
- 19 Honors Graduation Lunch
- 20 Fall Graduation Commencement



This year's Palermo Fund recipients are  
**Megan Flaherty and Nicole Price.**

**Do you want to make  
a difference**

**in the lives of other current and future Honors students?**

**Donate by:**

Visiting [udayton.edu/give](http://udayton.edu/give) and designating your gift to the  
**Patrick F. Palermo Founders Fund, Chaminade Scholars Program**  
or **Daniel P. Arnold Memorial Fund**

or mailing a check to  
**University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, Ohio 45469-7056**